STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1625

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 7 2019

RE: S.R. No. 52

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 52 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND OTHER AGENCY AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO CONTINUE MEETING AS A WORKING GROUP FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the Department of Education and other agency and community stakeholders to continue meeting as a working group for sexual violence prevention education in public schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, Hawaii Youth Services Network, The Sex Abuse Treatment Center at Kapi'olani, Hawaii Children's Action Network, and Parents and Children Together.

Your Committee finds that sexual violence remains a serious and ongoing threat to the safety and health of children and young people in the State. Implementing a program for sexual violence prevention education in public schools is important to protect children and young people in the State and position the Department of Education's Title IX and anti-bullying efforts for success. In October 2018, the Department of Education established a working group to collaborate with other stakeholders to review Hawaii public schools' current prevention-oriented child sexual abuse

programs and resources and initiate recommendations to enhance integrated, comprehensive, and sustained support to ensure the well-being of our youth. Because children and young people in Hawaii experience sexual violence at rates equivalent to or higher than their mainland counterparts, the continued efforts of the working group are critical to ensuring that Hawaii's children and youth are protected and safe.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 52 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:		Date:		
5R52	EDU, JDC		3/22/19		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WI	R) Nay	y Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)					
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
KANUHA, Dru Mamo		/			
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		4			1
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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